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1. COUNTRY TEAM HAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE STATEMENT OF
US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES REF B AND HAS THE FOLLOWING
RECOMMENDATIONS WITH REGARD TO IT.

2. REGARDING SECTION I, MAINTENANCE OF A SYRIAN COMMNHTMENT
TO THE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT EFFORT, WE HAVE NO PROBLEM
WITH GOALS AS STATED EXCEPT THAT IN CURRENT SITUATION
THEY SOUND RATHER OPTIMISTIC.
WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE
LESSER INCLUDED US GOALS OF PREVENTING SYRIA FROM DISRUPTING
ELEMENTS OF THE PEACE PROCESS CARRIED ON IN OTHER FORUMS
AND OF STAVING OFF ANOTHER ARAB-ISRAELI WAR SPECIFICALLY
STATED.

3. WITH REGARD TO SECTION II, STRENGTHENING AND BROADENING
OF BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS, WE RECOMMEND: A) REVISING SECOND
SUB-PARAGRAPH TO READ "ENCOURAGING THE GROWTH OF ECONOMIC,
COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS AS A BASIS OF
COMMON INTEREST AND BENEFIT THAT WILL COMPLEMENT POLITICAL
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RELATIONS, INCREASE THE SYRIAN LEADERSHIP'S" INTEREST IN
ITS OWN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CUSHION THE
US-SYRIAN RELATIONSHIP AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF POLITICAL
DISAGREEMENTS." B) ADD A NEW SUB-PARAGRAPH: "CONTINUE
THE TREND IN THE US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO HELP
ASSURE THAT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS BENEFATS
YHREAD WIDELY THROUGHOUT THE SYRIAN POPULATION." C) ADD A

NEW SUB-PARAGRAPH: "CONTINUE TO DEVELOP BILATERAL COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF NARCOTICS TRAFFIC CONTROL." D) IN THE SUB-PARAGRAPH BEGINNING "CONTINUE TO WORK" DELETE ARTICLE "THE" FROM PHRASE "TO DEVELOPING THE BILATERAL RELATIONS." E) REWORD FINAL SUB-PARAGRAPH: "ENCOURAGE THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY AMERICAN AND SYRIAN OFFICIALS, LEGISLATORS, PROFESSIONALS AND OTHERS."

4. REGARDING SECTION III, INCREASED RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, REVISE FINAL PHRASE OF THE FINAL SUB-PARAGRAPH TO READ: "ENCOURAGE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION OF THEIR APPLICATIONS TO TRAVEL ABROAD AND TO EMIGRATE."

5. IN SECTION IV, SYRIAN MODERATION ON REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES, IN THE FOURTH SUB-PARAGRAPH DELETE WORDS "THE PROCESS OF."

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